

QUAD FEDERAL MEN IN CITY TO HOLD DOWN THE LIQUOR LID NEW YEAR'S EVE

SHERIFF OF DES MOINES AND DEPUTY ARRESTED FOR BIG THEFT OF BOOZE

Charged With Complicity in Raid on Polk County Liquor Supply.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Warrants were issued early today for the arrest of Winfred E. Robb, Polk county sheriff until Jan. 1, and his brother, Deputy Sheriff George Robb, in connection with the theft of \$30,000 worth of liquor from the Polk county jail booze room last Wednesday night. Both are in custody.

The charges against Sheriff Robb were filed by William McMurray, Polk county jailer, after McMurray had been locked out of his own jail under the sheriff's orders and after McMurray's son had been arrested by orders of Assistant County Attorney Seeburger, for alleged complicity in the booze theft.

McMurray charge that on Aug. 8, Sheriff Robb sold more than seven quarts of whiskey to L. S. Hill, proprietor of the American Printing and Lithographing company, and prominent Democratic politician.

Barred From Son.
McMurray was denied admittance to the jail about 1:30 o'clock this morning. His son, Everett McMurray, recently appointed custodian of Waveland park, was in the jail office in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Robb. Assistant County Attorney Seeburger announced that Clyde McMurray, another son of the jailer, also is sought.

McMurray was permitted to talk to his son through the barred entrance. As he left the jail Sheriff Robb drove up in a motor car. There was a hot battle of words, in the course of which McMurray charged Robb with having permitted laxity in the management of the booze room and in which Robb called his jailer a "liar" and doubled his fists threateningly.

Calls Story Lie.
"It's an atrocious lie," L. S. Hill, proprietor of the American Printing and Lithographing company, said when told that Jailer McMurray had charged that he bought more than 70 quarts of whiskey from the preacher-sheriff on August 8.

He admitted, however, that he had tried to obtain liquor from the sheriff's office, but declared he had been unsuccessful.

Mr. Hill declared he knew of no reason why Jailer McMurray should name him in connection with such a liquor transaction.

BROKER IS BETTER AFTER OPERATION
Chicago, Dec. 30.—S. W. Straus, president of S. W. Straus & Co., brokers, was reported today as recovering from a serious operation in a Chicago hospital. It was also said he would go to Atlantic City next week to recuperate. The operation performed several days ago did not become public until yesterday.

TURK DIVISION SENT TO MOSUL
Athens, Dec. 30.—The Turks are sending reinforcements in the district of Mosul, the rich oil district, the ownership of which is in dispute at the Lausanne conference, according to advices to the Central News from a reliable source.

A division of 6,000 Turkish troops, it is stated, has already left Van for Mosul.

STERLING GALT DEAD.
Emmettsburg, Md., Dec. 30.—Sterling Galt, brother-in-law of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, died.

SECOND HERRIN TRIAL TO START
Marion, Ill., Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Possibility of holding two Herring killing trials simultaneously was indicated today in a statement by State's Attorney DeLoe Duty, that he was ready to start on the second case immediately, if necessary.

ARREST CLEARS WERTZ MURDER AT IOWA CITY

Surprise Is Sprung in Death Mystery; Charged Wife.

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Two days of mystery cloaking the slaying of Roy Wertz, shot to death in his home here Wednesday forenoon, was broken today when Robert Leeper, 24, son-in-law of the slain man, was arrested on a charge of murder, filed by County Attorney C. M. Miller. Leeper's arrest came just 40 minutes before the coroner's jury, after an all night inquest, held behind closed doors, returned a verdict in which it declared its belief that the fatal shots were fired by Wertz's wife in self defense.

Testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Leeper, principal witnesses subpoenaed for the inquest, was that Wertz had at several times threatened their lives and Wednesday forenoon when they returned home with Mrs. Wertz from Cedar Rapids, he heaped a tirade of abuse on them and attacked both his wife and his daughter.

Leeper stuck to his story that he was in the basement attending to the furnace, when he heard a quarrel upstairs, followed by two shots. His wife sustained him in his contention.

U. S. PROPOSES ARMENIAN HOME

Lausanne, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Plans for an Armenian national home, financed by a possible \$20,000,000 appropriation by the United States congress, or a popular loan in America, in addition to funds from other countries, were presented to the near east conference today by the American delegation.

The conference completes its sixth week today with a solution of the near east question still in the making and with the allied and Turkish delegations still at odds over the important issue.

As Ismet Pasha and his associates awaited further instructions from their government at Angora, it seemed certain that a settlement of even one of the troublesome problems on the agenda could not take place this year. It is believed that Ismet in his report to his government called special attention to the declaration of Lord Curzon that the British government insisted upon recognition of its mandate over the Mosul vilayet.

It is suggested that the Armenian home be located in Cilicia, just north of the Gulf of Alexandretta, in territory containing about 18,000 square miles.

The plan is the work of Dr. George R. Montgomery, director of the Armenian-American society, who announced he had just received a message from the United States saying a resolution was being introduced in the house of representatives authorizing President Harding to lend \$20,000,000 for this project if the Lausanne conference made adequate territorial provision for the home.

C. & A. RAILWAY BONDS APPROVED
Washington, Dec. 30.—Receivers of the Chicago & Alton railroad procured the interstate commerce commission's approval today for an issue of \$2,000,000 in receivers' notes, the proceeds to be used for repaying equipment and for payments of debts.

THE WEATHER
Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Colder.

Highest temperature yesterday, 40; lowest last night, 32.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m. 6 miles per hour.

PROPOSED DESIGN FOR NEW ARGUS HOME



The above architect's drawing has been submitted by Cervin & Horn, Rock Island architects, as a proposed design for the new Argus home to be erected on the southwest corner of Eighteenth street and Fourth avenue. Though plans are still in the preliminary stages, it is the intention of the publishers that the new plant shall be part of Rock Island's 1923 building program.

The plan submitted by Cervin & Horn calls for a two-story structure devoted entirely to the publication business. The Italian renaissance style of architecture is employed in the design, with Bedford limestone as the material to be used for the exterior surfacing. The building will be fireproof throughout.

The treatment is especially adaptable to a corner location and the side of the building is not neglected by an over-emphasis of the front. The Eighteenth street wall is regarded as important as the front facade, and is so expressed in the design. The business office and editorial rooms will occupy the forward portions of the first and second floors, with the mechanical department in the rear. The press will be placed close to the east side of the building so that it will be plainly visible from Eighteenth street.

A feature of the plan is the provision for a unique bulletin board, just over the main entrance of the building on Fourth avenue, where it will be possible to install a baseball playing board and The Argus Grid Player during the football season.

APPEALS TO WORLD FOR REPARATION

Abandoning Secret Diplomacy, U. S. Asks Support Public Opinion.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
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Washington, Dec. 30.—Having failed to convince France by informal conversations of diplomacy, the United States government has appealed to the opinion of the world in support of its plan for a settlement of the reparation problem.

Secretary Hughes' speech at New Haven, almost coincident with the first expression from the White house on foreign policy in three weeks, has a significance apart from the character of the proposal that a commission of financiers undertake to fix what Germany can pay. It means that the American government has been quietly advancing this proposal, but that France has not agreed. There is no reason to believe France has returned a flat negative but there is every reason to suppose that the American government has made little headway by secret diplomacy and is trying open diplomacy again.

It is most unusual for the president and secretary of state to discuss proposals made to foreign governments. For weeks there has been a steadfast refusal to say anything, though it was known J. P. Morgan had conferred with Secretary Hughes and that a revival of

Assistant War Secretary Under Baker Is Indicted In Huge Contract Frauds

Washington, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under the Wilson administration, and six "dollar a year" men associated with the council of national defense, were indicted here today by the special grand jury, involving war frauds on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war-time army camps and cantonments.

The others indicted are: William A. Starrett, Morton C. Ruttle, Clements W. Ludoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons, James A. Means.

The indictment charges a conspiracy to misadminister existing laws and regulations; to control the giving out of contracts to friends, associates, and clients under the "cost plus" system, which it is charged, resulted in a loss to the government of millions of dollars and reduced the morale of labor.

The indictments are the first big salvo in Attorney General Daugherty's attack on many war-time contracts which the department of justice holds to be fraudulent. Others are expected to follow, and it is estimated that the amounts involved will run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

Today's indictments resulted from consideration by the grand jury of a mass of evidence presented by former Representative McCulloch of Ohio, special assistant attorney general.

KLAN PLANS OWN PROBE AT BASTROP

Will Conduct Separate Investigation of Kidnaping and Deaths.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—The Louisiana organization of the Ku Klux Klan will send its own agents into Morehouse Parish to investigate the kidnaping and killing of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards last August, according to an announcement today by a high state official of the Klan.

This action, he said, was decided on at a conference here yesterday of heads of the state organization.

It was stated the investigation probably will be started within 48 hours.

"I recently returned from Morehouse Parish, where I discussed the outrages with many of the folks who knew their community well. I know that the Klan is not to blame," said the Klan official. "We have no idea of setting up any defense at public hearings for any one, and reports that the Klan is interested in obtaining brilliant attorneys for the defense of those arrested are not true. We are interested in clearing the Klan of any

FIFTEEN OPERATIVES TO BE POSTED AT ALL PUBLIC PLACES STAGING PARTIES

Today In City

Rock Island arsenal soldier attempts suicide by taking poison after quarrel with his sweetheart.

H. W. Phelps denies published report that automobile factory is to locate in Rock Island with him as superintendent.

Prohibition Agent Prendergast announces that dry law will be enforced at all public New Year's eve parties in Rock Island county.

Police of other cities asked to aid search for Moline girl believed to have been lured away from home by married man after she had been drugged.

Judge N. A. Larson grants change of venue to Thomas Cox and A. W. Billburg, indicted for murder, and to Police Magistrate D. J. Cleland and Edward Simmons, indicted for larceny.

Sam Landrette, adjudged in contempt of court, arrested in Davenport and placed in Rock Island jail.

Bert Dupres, indicted for perjury, missing from city for weeks, arrested and furnishes bonds.

Temperature in 1922, for fifth consecutive year, is above the normal.

JACKSONVILLE IS VISITED BY \$200,000 FIRE

Two Firemen Hurt By the Falling Debris.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 30.—Two-thirds of the business buildings on the south side of the public square were in ruins here today, an estimated loss of \$200,000, as a result of fire of unknown origin early today.

Two buildings, housing five firms, were practically destroyed by flames against which every available piece of fire apparatus in the city was used before it could be brought under control. The fire was discovered at 2 o'clock and at 4:30 o'clock firemen had it under control.

Exploding shells in the armory of the Jacksonville Howitzer company of the Illinois National Guard, added to the danger confronting the firemen but no one was injured, with the exception of two hurt by falling debris.

The Farmers' State bank was the heaviest loser, its loss running about \$40,000, including damage to building and furniture. The Princeton Candy company, where the fire originated, suffered a loss of about \$22,500. The total loss to the firms, a drug store, a millinery shop, a billiard parlor, the candy company and the bank, including the National Guard armory, was estimated not to exceed \$200,000.

One of the buildings which housed three firms, was an old landmark, built in 1867.

POLICEMAN SAVES 10 CHILDREN FROM FIRE IN TENEMENT

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Ten children were rescued from a burning four-story tenement building early today by a policeman who discovered the fire while passing. He turned in an alarm and then returned to the building, warning its sleeping occupants.

TODD ELECTED MEDINAH HEAD

Chicago, Dec. 30.—James Todd, attorney, was elected potentate of Medinah Temple last night at the annual meeting of the Chicago Masonic Shrine organization. The annual report, read at the meeting, showed a surplus in the bank of \$1,511,378, and gifts of \$10,000 and \$20,000 to the Illinois Masonic hospital and the Illinois Masonic Orphan's Home at LaGrange, Ill., respectively.

Prendergast Declares the Law Must Be Obeyed to the Letter.

A New Year's eve drought enforced by 15 selected operatives under the direction of Prohibition Agent Joseph Prendergast is forecast for tomorrow night's public parties in Rock Island, Moline and other parts of the country. The squad of hooch sleuths arrived last night and conferences were held today with Chief of Police William Fitzsimmons, Chief Ben DeJaeger of Moline and Sheriff Clarence L. Edwards, at which final plans for rigid enforcement of the Volstead act were discussed.

"Stories of lid-lifting out of Chicago are bunk," Agent Prendergast declared today. "The law is the law; liquor is against the law. We are going to enforce the law in this community as it has never been enforced before on a New Year's eve. My men will be stationed in every hotel, every public gathering at which there is likelihood of violation and a 'clean-up' squad will be working throughout the city. Everyone who violates the 18th amendment in the slightest degree will be liable to arrest."

The federal agent announced that by agreement with United States Commissioner T. P. Siskett, the federal office will be open all night to speed issuance of warrants and handle such business as may develop.

The prohibition squad has not been drilled in any intricacies of the subject; there is no guide issued as to conditions under which possession or inhibition of liquor is within the law—the Volstead act, according to the interpretation of Agent Prendergast, forbids liquor—and enforcement of the Volstead act is going to be his favorite resolution tomorrow and tomorrow night. "If you can beat that," Prendergast said, "You are well—"

SOON TO MAIL BONUS BLANKS

First Run of Printed Applications to Be Sent Out From Springfield, Held, Jan. 15.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—The first run of the 600,000 application blanks being printed for the Illinois bonus were received at the office of Adjutant-General Black yesterday.

The blanks will be mailed from Springfield, Jan. 15, the adjutant-general announced.

With the blanks for the ex-service men, four forms of application for beneficiaries of deceased soldiers have been sent to the printer.

To all persons writing to the service recognition board for the beneficiary blanks, the board is mailing a form letter on which the applicant is to state his or her relationship to the deceased service man, in order that the proper form may be sent to the beneficiary.

Requests for application blanks are coming in from Illinois ex-service men in other states. Recently the board received a message from the Red Cross chapter, at Pensacola, Fla., asking for application blanks.

FIGHT 'EXTRAS' IN MOVIE STAGE A REAL BATTLE

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—A motion picture director at Universal City, near here, hired 800 extras yesterday to be used as the "audience" in the filming of a pre-fight scene.